

Annexation Study Data Sources

<p>(a)¹ Detail the progress in each of the buildable land counties to date in achieving annexation or incorporation of its urban growth area since adoption of the county's county-wide planning policies to the present time by documenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The number of acres annexed; (ii) The number of acres incorporated; (iii) The number of residents annexed, incorporated, and remaining in urban unincorporated areas. 	<p>OFM has quarterly reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of acres annexed and incorporated • Amount of population • Number of housing units • Amount of land unincorporated <p>Counties:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May have also data on remaining unincorporated land. <p>CTED has GIS on designated UGAs, including remaining islands of unincorporated land.</p>
<p>(a) Detail the progress in each of the buildable land counties to date in achieving annexation or incorporation of its urban growth area since adoption of the county's county-wide planning policies to the present time by documenting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (iv) The characteristic of urban land remaining unincorporated in terms of assessed value, infrastructure deficits, service needs, land use, commercial development, and residential development. 	<p>Counties/CTED have dates of adoption for county-wide planning policies.</p> <p>OFM will have data on annexation/incorporation rates over time.</p> <p>County assessors will have data on assessed value.</p> <p>Counties and cities will have data on existing land uses inside the UGA.</p> <p>Need to clearly define what standard we are using to define infrastructure deficits for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sewer – amount of land served or included in the CIP. • Water – water system plans, will be hard to collect information from special districts • Transportation – development patterns against buildable lands. • Parks that have been developed against any adopted LOS. • Police, fire and EMT – look at capital facilities plans. <p>Include questions on this in the surveys to the cities – what infrastructure do they think is missing?</p>

<p>(b) Determine the characteristics of remaining urban unincorporated areas and current statutes, and estimate when all urban unincorporated areas in each county will be annexed or incorporated, based on the rate of progress to date.</p>	<p>Characteristics will be defined by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Existing development – commercial, residential, industrial, etc. • Demographics – poor, affluent, brownfields, etc. <p>Answers may be different based upon the area – island v. large unincorporated area.</p> <p>Estimate of when will be annexed/incorporated will be “best guess” based on history.</p>
<p>(c) Survey the counties to identify those obstacles that, in their experience, show or prohibit annexation.</p>	<p>Look at history of annexation/incorporation votes. Identify political, infrastructure and other barriers.</p> <p>Survey will be emailed.</p> <p>Send copy of survey to advisory committee representatives for special districts for their input – Port Association, Water and Sewer Association, PUD Association, Fire Commissioners Association.</p>
<p>(d) Survey the cities in each of the subject counties to identify obstacles, which in their experience, slow or prohibit annexation.</p>	<p>Look at history of annexation/incorporation votes. Identify political, infrastructure and other barriers.</p> <p>Survey will be emailed.</p> <p>AWC has done some surveys that can be provided.</p> <p>Send copy of survey to advisory committee representatives for special districts for their input – Port Association, Water and Sewer Association, PUD Association, Fire Commissioners Association.</p>

<p>(e) Survey residents of urban unincorporated areas in each of the subject counties to identify their attitudes towards annexation or incorporation.</p>	<p>Large variation of attitudes from place to place. Consult with counties and cities as to whom to contact – community leaders, etc.</p> <p>Focus groups in each county with input from counties and cities on who to invite. Two focus groups north and south in King and Kitsap, one focus group in each of the other four counties. 12 – 15 people in each group.</p> <p>Counties and cities that have conducted surveys should provide results to CTED.</p>
<p>(g) Identify and discuss the need for funding of capital improvement projects needed to provide urban levels of service.</p>	<p>Will be the subject of a recommendation regarding funding sources for capital facilities.</p>